

# VERMONT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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## SOCIETY MEETING AT VERMONT STATE STAMP SHOW

The society's annual meeting will be at 1 p.m. on June 7 at the Vermont State Stamp Show at the Montpelier Elks Country Club, 203 Country Club Road. Each year one of the Vermont stamp clubs hosts the VSSS. This year it is the Washington County Stamp Club.

There will be a pictorial cancel (inset) commemorating the Civil War Battle of Cedar Creek in Virginia, where many Vermont units played a crucial role. The postmark honors the 8th Vermont Infantry. Of the 350-member unit, fifteen were killed, eighty-two wounded, and twenty-seven missing during the battle. Two cacheted covers will be available from Bob Edson, 693 West Hill Road, Worcester, Vermont 05682, for \$2 each plus a SASE.

The Cedar Creek reception room in the state capitol has a twenty by ten-foot painting, *First Vermont Brigade at the Battle of Cedar Creek*, by Vermonter Julian Scott (1846–1901) and commissioned by the Vermont General Assembly. He was a drummer and fifer in the Civil War and received the Medal of Honor for valor. At the same time the Cedar Creek Battle was unfolding on October 19, 1864, Vermont was attacked by Confederate sympathizers during a daring raid on Saint Albans.

Although local clubs have hosted the VSSS show for the past 30 years or more, it has become more difficult for them. They are losing members as the average age increases, and it is more difficult to set up the shows and fewer members are interested in exhibiting. It has been suggested that future VSSS be held in a central location near the interstates for easier access with the VPS taking a more active role in the actual running of the show. ■

Courtesy Vermont State Curator's Office